# What People are Saying

93%

of families are satisfied or highly satisfied with their AUSL turnaround school. "I was so against the turnaround that I went down to the board to protest against it. Now Dulles has become a great school. The turnaround was a great idea."

- Ms. Barner, Dulles School of Excellence Parent

"From day one ... it has been a blessing. I feel and my kids feel like this is a dream."

- Ms. Wricks, Casals School of Excellence Parent

of families believe improvements in their AUSL turnaround school have made the community a better place.

"I see teachers that are dedicated to success. Students are aware that education is the top priority and know what is expected of them."

- Ms. Davis, Fuller School of Excellence Parent

"There are a few reasons why I love my school: my teachers care about me, they put in effort to help us, and my school has clean hallways, classrooms, and a better playground. I think more time in school equals more time to learn."

- Miya C., Dulles School of Excellence student

"I like the way my teachers help me with my problems and help me gain confidence."

- Jeneil M., Piccolo School of Excellence Student

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"The principal is visible and parents are informed of what's going on in the school. Students are encouraged more and follow expectations set by the school. My daughter graduated from Sherman School and just graduated from high school. She is entering college this fall."

- Ms. Lewis, Sherman School of Excellence parent

# **About AUSL**

Academy for Urban School Leadership (AUSL) is a nonprofit organization that improves student achievement in Chicago's underperforming schools. This is accomplished through a disciplined turnaround process built on a foundation of specially trained AUSL teachers.

AUSL is asked by CPS to turnaround schools that need drastic changes. Today, AUSL manages 25 schools, located primarily on the South and West sides of Chicago, serving over 14,000 students.

## **RESULTS**

AUSL turnaround elementary schools have outpaced the Chicago Public School district growth in ISAT meets/exceeds gains every year since our first turnaround school in 2006.

**AUSL Schools vs. Chicago Public Schools** 



# **HEAR FROM OUR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS**

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# How an AUSL Turnaround Helps Your Child

An AUSL turnaround begins with new leaders, teachers, and staff, additional programs, and upgraded facilities resulting in more opportunities now and in the future for your child.

# STEP 1:

School turnaround begins over summer break. including upgraded facilities and community outreach.

# **UPGRADED FACILITIES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** Before school starts, the principal, teachers and staff host events and participate in community walks to meet students and families. **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS** AUSL works with new and existing community partners to provide supports and opportunities for our students. STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

# **FAMILY INVOLVEMENT**

Families are key to student success. AUSL schools welcome parent involvement in Local School Councils (LSCs) and Parental Advisory Councils (PACs). Family members can volunteer at the school and participate in activities.

We encourage all students to be involved in after-school programs like AUSL Football, Baseball, and Honor Choir. These opportunities and additional social and emotional supports help our students develop into well-rounded youth.

## STEP 2:

Strong leadership establishes the right climate and culture for dramatic improvement.

### STEP 3:

AUSL-trained teachers provide high-quality

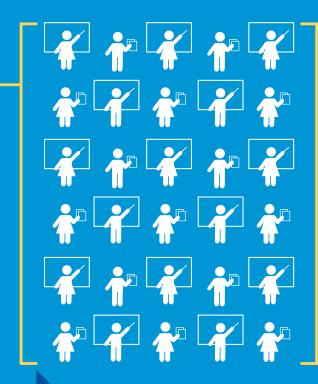
## STEP 4:

When the same students return to school in the fall. they enter an environment of high expectations and



# **PRINCIPAL**

School principals create a warm, positive feeling in a school. Their leadership is essential for a successful school turnaround.



AUSL schools are focused on developing wellrounded, engaged children. Improvements in learning and increased opportunities for our students are the standard in AUSL network CPS schools. The teachers and staff at AUSL schools are attentive to each student's academic, social and emotional needs.

**SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS** 

# **TEACHERS**

All teachers at AUSL schools are CPS employees and Chicago Teachers Union members. Teachers and staff come together for several weeks during the summer to prepare for the coming school year. Many teachers have trained or worked in a school just like yours.